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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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SUJECT: VISA RIBBONS

REF: LAGOS 7687 AND 7846, LAGOS OM OF 9/19/73,
STATE 039539 OF 3/3/73

1. SAMPLE SUBMITTED WITH REF OM FLUORESCES IN GREEN ONLY AND WAS PRINTED WITH R-400 VISA RIBBON. AS EMBASSY IS EQUIPPED WITH ITS OWN BLACK LIGHT DEPT CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY CONOFF WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THIS. MOREOVER, EVEN WITHOUT BLACK LIGHT IT IS PLAINLY EVIDENT FROM SAMPLE PRINT'S COLOR AND GENERAL APPEARANCE THAT IT WAS PRINTED WITH R-400 RATHER THAN R-500 RIBBON.

2. QUESTION OF "500" MARKING ON RIBBON'S BOX IS MYSTERY. BURROUGHS HAS BEEN KNOWN TO MARK RIBBON BOXES IN SOME ANOMALOUS WAYS, BUT THUS FAR HAS NEVER TO OUR KNOWLEDGE SUPPLIED ANY R-400 RIBBONS IN BOXES MARKED "500".

3. EMBASSY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK ITS REMAINING STOCK OF NEW RIBBONS UNDER UV (BLACK LIGHT) ILLUMINATION TO VERIFY WHETHER THEY FLUORESCES IN GREEN BAND ONLY OR IN ALL THREE COLORS AS SPECIFIED STATE REFTTEL.

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4. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ACTIONS SHOULD THEN BE TAKEN:

- A) INSTALL R-500 RIBBON IN POST'S VISA MACHINE ASAP
- B) REPORT RESULTS OF ABOVE CHECK OF RIBBON STOCKS
TO DEPT BY TELEGRAM.
- C) DESTROY ALL REMAINING R-400 RIBBON STOCKS IN
ACCORD WITH PARA 8 STATE REFTTEL.
- D) SUBMIT A NEW SAMPLE R-500 VISA PRINT TO SCA/VO
BY OM. KISSINGER

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